

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media suffocating freedom of journalism and democracy.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less objectivity in our democracy. It's important that we see real people from our own communities, substantive news about issues that matter, and contrasting opinions. Maybe Sinclair would be willing to air Fahrenheit 9/11 to document Bush's slippery actions in this world of freedom.

I believe Sinclair's actions need to be evaluated by the FCC, and this evaluation should begin immediately, before the November election. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.